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Application No.: 09/666,725

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0091611 to Minton (hereinafter "Minton") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0013750 to Roberts et al. (hereinafter "Roberts").

By the foregoing amendments, Applicant has amended claim 1 and has canceled claim 5.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated (in summary) that Minton teaches a bartering system while Roberts teaches the automatic transfer of a deed relating to real property (paragraph 4 of the Office Action). The outstanding rejection is submitted to be overcome by this amendment.

As amended, Applicant's claim 1 recites the barter and acquisition of the first and second class of items in a barter order, respectively, as concurrent. Amended claim 1 further recites means for providing a physical description and a market value of real property in the barter order.

Applicant respectfully submits that neither Minton nor Roberts, separately or in combination, teach or suggest the invention as claimed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims clearly distinguish over the art of record. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments and

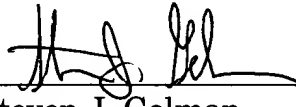
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remarks made herein place pending claims 1-4 and 6 in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this amendment as well as reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1-4 and 6 are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner does not believe that the claims are in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 215-568-6400.

Respectfully submitted,

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